

REMARKS

Applicant adds new claims 24-27; therefore, claims 2-4 and 7-27 are now pending in the application.

Applicant thanks the Examiner and the Examiner's Supervisor for conducting a very productive personal interview with Applicant's representative on October 15, 2003. The Examiner's Interview Summary (Paper No. 18) accurately summarizes the substance of the interview.

As discussed during the interview, Applicant amends claims 2, 7, 14 and 17 more clearly to recite the relative positions of the grooves of the two recording layers with respect to the surface of the first transparent substrate. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 2, 7, 14 and 17, as well as their respective dependent claims 3, 4, 8-13, 15, 16 and 18-23, should now be allowable over the prior art of record. Also, in view of the Examiner Supervisor's comments that the feature of the position of the grooves of the one recording layers with respect to the grooves of the other recording layer, as shown, for Examiner, in Applicant's Fig.1 is a separately patentable feature (pending further consideration and/or search), Applicant deletes the requirement of the relative groove/land thickness from independent claims 2, 7, 14 and 17, and instead, present this feature in new dependent claims 24-27. Dependent claims 24-27 should be allowable over the prior art of record for the reason noted by the Examiner, and at least by virtue of their dependence on respective claims 2, 7, 14 and 17.

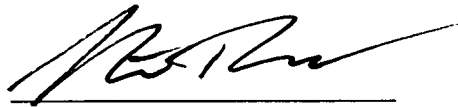
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In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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